



City of Newport Beach, CA
City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Curry & Council Members
FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager
DATE: August 9, 2013

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...




COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager
From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter
Date: August 9, 2013

Permit Center

During the month of July, the Permit Center assisted an average of 151 customers per day, a 7 percent increase in counter activity compared to the June daily average of 141 customers.

July 2013	QMATIC	PERMIT CENTER ACTIVITY	
	Average Daily Customers	151	
	Percent Change from June	7%	
	2,883 customers over 19 work days		

City Projects at the Coastal Commission



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COMMISSION

The California Coastal Commission will have two City projects on their August 14-15 agenda in Santa Cruz. The Coastal Commission will conduct a Certification Review of the Marina Park Shoreline Height Coastal Land Use Plan (CLUP) amendment. This amendment will allow the Marina Park lighthouse architectural feature to exceed the 35-foot Shoreline Height Limit. The City Council approved the amendment as modified by the Coastal Commission in May 2013. The Coastal Commission now has to concur with the Executive Director's determination that the action by the City is legally adequate.

The Coastal Commission will also consider a request by its staff to extend the 90-day time limit for Commission action for up to one year on a set of CLUP amendments to change the land use designations at three sites from residential to commercial. The subject properties are located at 2888 and 2890 Bay Shore Drive, 514 East Ocean Front, and 200 30th Street. The City amended the General Plan, CLUP, and Zoning Code in February 2012 to allow the nonconforming commercial uses to continue.

The Coastal Commission agenda can be viewed at the following link,
<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html>



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING • FINANCE & TREASURY • OMB • REVENUE

August 9, 2013

TO: DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

CAPPO MEETING

In the world of procurement there are few concepts more fluid than taxation. Depending on the circumstances some purchases may be fully taxed, taxed at half the current rate or non-taxable completely. As tax laws change annually it is imperative that staff stay current with these regulations. On Wednesday, July 31, Purchasing staff in conjunction with the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO) hosted a Sales and Use Tax training session in the Friends Room of the Central Library.

The City hosted Teri Bauer, a Senior Tax Auditor with the State of California Board of Equalization who delivered a presentation on recent trends in taxation and new laws relating to Sales and Use Tax. The session was attended by the Orange County chapter of CAPPO which consists of 87 local agencies, including cities, school districts and special districts. CAPPO members meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss training topics affecting procurement and purchasing operations. Ms. Bauer addressed specific purchase types of taxation that are notoriously confusing such as software, construction and fabrication. This information serves to help the City become more compliant with the Board of Equalization when paying or accruing Sales and Use Tax on its purchases. Big thanks to the Library Services staff who helped make this session possible by granting access to the Friends Room.

ENCUMBRANCE ROLL

We passed another milestone in the fiscal year closing process this week. All current, valid encumbrances were rolled forward from Fiscal Year 2012-13 to Fiscal Year 2013-14. The total amount rolled was \$21,618,899.84. Budget credit was also posted in the current year, as long as the funds were available at the end of the prior year. If anyone has any questions, please contact Senior Budget Analyst Shannon Espinoza at 949.644.3021.

OPEB ACTUARIAL VALUATION

In accordance with the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 45 (GASB 45), the City is required to provide CalPERS trust administrators with an updated actuarial report on our Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) every two years. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), of which the City is a member, offered to conduct a joint procurement process for actuarial services at no cost to participating cities. This is the second such procurement that we've participated in with SCAG and it appears to have been very successful. The selected vendor, Nyhart Epler, was here last week for a meeting to review our current Retiree Health Program. Nyhart Epler will be preparing

the required actuarial report for the period ending June 30, 2013. They expect to have the report completed this fall and will return to review it with the Finance Committee. If anyone has any questions, please contact Budget Manager Susan Giangrande at 949.644.3128.

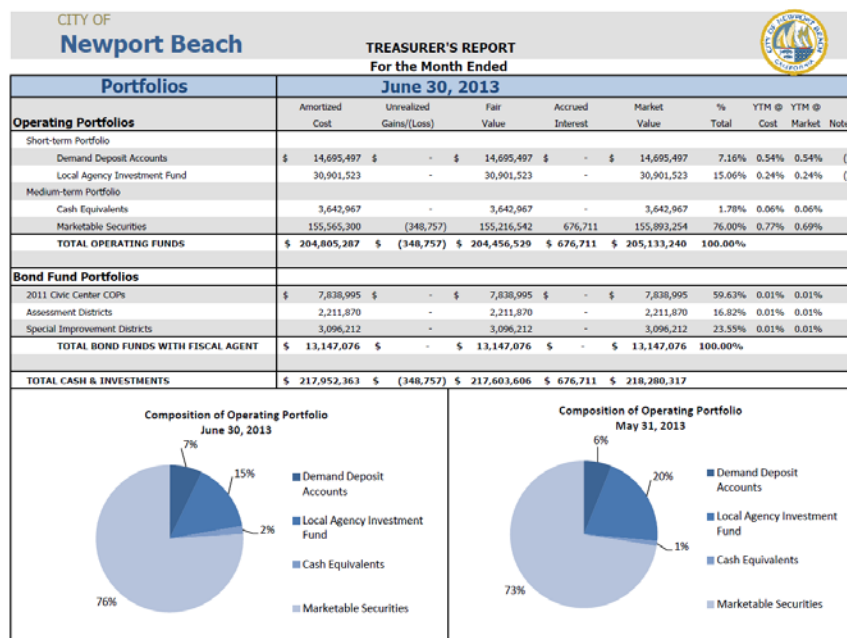
UPDATED PHONE TREE

The move to the new civic center prompted Revenue staff to make changes to their phone tree. Instead of just updating the location address in the recording, Caryl Bryant chose this opportunity to completely re-write the script and make various improvements. Previously, the water billing line, 3050, went directly to the old phone tree and never rang in the office. The main Revenue line, 3141, and the cashing line, 3121, had no phone tree and rang straight into the office. All three lines will now ring in the office, giving staff a chance to pick up calls as they come in; each of the three lines will feed into the same phone tree if the phone can't be answered within four rings. Over time this will allow us to phase out two of the phone lines so they can be re-purposed. The phone tree provides more options than the old phone tree and callers can quickly get answers to commonly asked questions such as location and hours of business without waiting for a live person. They can also transfer to other departments. A new feature on the phone tree allows customers to have messages repeated or to leave a voice mail for staff at any time. Some of you may recognize Seanne Carney as the new voice of Revenue.



JUNE TREASURY REPORT

The Treasurer's Report provides detailed information on the City's operating and managed investment portfolios; the report for the month ending June 30, 2013, is now available at www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.



Notes:

(1) Yield offsets bank fees

(2) LAIF Yield is available Quarterly



Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: August 9, 2013
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

FIRE OPERATIONS

On Wednesday, August 7, at 6:45am, the Newport Beach Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 417 Aliso Avenue in the City of Newport Beach. The first arriving unit smelled smoke on the second floor. With the help of a thermal imaging camera (TIC), it was determined that the fire was in the second floor attic.

Fire crews initiated ventilation operations on the roof to keep the fire from spreading. Interior fire crews placed salvage covers to protect the occupants' possessions and waited for the ventilation crews to give the green light to open up the ceiling. The ventilation crews isolated the fire in an area of the attic space and the interior crews quickly opened up the ceiling to access and extinguish the fire. The fire was quickly knocked down with minimal damage to the interior or furnishings. There were no injuries reported to occupants or the firefighters. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

TRAINING SERVICES

Captains' Academy and Promotions

Congratulations to Roman Taijeron, Chris Fanti, Dan Chapman, Chad Spiker, Phil Puhek, Andy Janis and Bill Boullianne for graduating from Newport Beach Fire Department's 1st Captains' Academy. Although our Department participated in a regional Captains' Academy in 2002, this is the first Newport Beach Fire Department stand-alone training in Department history. All seven participants passed an extensive promotional exam and are eligible for promotion.

Following the examination process, the seven candidates were put through a five-day Academy preparing them for the various aspects of the job that they will be faced with as future supervisors. Not only are these men going to become supervisors, they are the leaders and future leaders of our Fire Department.



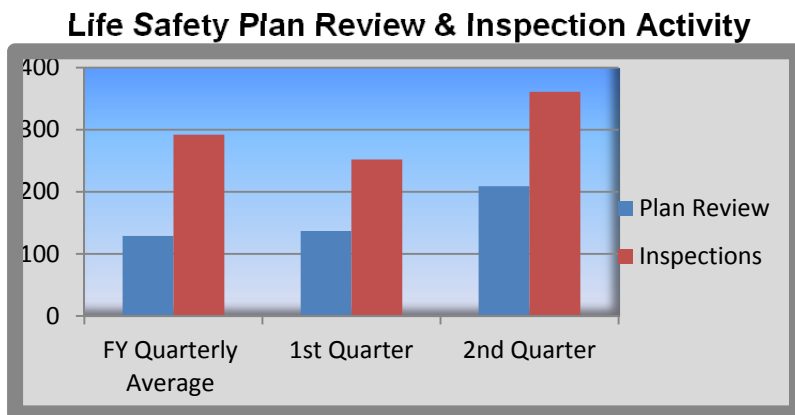
(Taijeron, Fanti, Chapman, Spiker, Puhek, Janis, Boullianne)

Paramedics Chris Fanti, Phil Puhek and Dan Chapman, along with Engineers Roman Taijeron and Chad Spiker, were offered an official promotion at the conclusion of the Academy. All five candidates accepted the offer and the roles and responsibilities that accompany the supervisor position of Fire Captain. Please join us in congratulating these fine men as they take this big step in their careers beginning August 10.

LIFE SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION

Plan Review and Inspection Activity

In the second quarter, 209 Life Safety plan reviews were completed, as compared to 137 in the first quarter. On the inspection side, we completed 361 permits and inspections, as compared to 252 in the first quarter. The second quarter numbers show a marked increase in yearly plan review and field inspection activity.



Hazardous Materials Business Emergency Plans Get an Assist

Newport Beach Life Safety Services manages the hazardous materials Business Emergency Plan (BEP) program. Businesses with chemicals onsite in quantities of 55 gallons or more, 200 cubic feet or more, or 500 pounds or more, are required to complete a BEP. In 2010, businesses began reporting electronically rather than paper submittals. The electronic reporting system is called E-Submit. Reporting is required by Federal and State statute. Currently, 195 businesses in Newport Beach complete BEP's.

In an effort to improve customer service, the Orange County Environmental Health Care Agency will be providing an E-Submit lab for businesses needing assistance with submitting or updating their hazardous materials Business Emergency Plans. The lab will be available twice a month with County staff members present to assist with questions and complete the BEP's. The anticipated start date will be the last week of August.

Life Safety Staff Receive Specialized Training

Fire Departments throughout Orange County teamed up with Costco Fire Protection, an industry leader in life safety protection systems, to examine "Pre-Action Fire Sprinkler Systems." Pre-Action Fire Sprinkler Systems are specialized for use in locations where accidental activation is undesired, such as art museums, rare book use, and data centers. The operations of Pre-Action Fire Sprinkler Systems are similar to dry systems (no water in the pipe). With the exception that these systems require that a "preceding" fire detection event, typically the activation of a heat or smoke detector, takes place prior to the "action" of water introduction into the system's piping by opening the pre-action valve. In this way, the system is essentially converted from a dry system into a wet system. These Pre-Action Fire Sprinkler Systems are very effective and some are complex. Top notch training was provided on the sequence of operation of Pre-Action Fire Sprinkler Systems including the proper methods for acceptance testing during final fire inspection.



Plan Review Counter Hours

Life Safety Services Division's plan check counter hours have expanded.

- **All Fire & Life Safety Plan Reviews**
7:30 am to 11:30 am / Monday through Friday
- **Fire Sprinkler Tenant Improvements and Kitchen Suppression Systems Only**
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm / Monday through Friday

MARINE OPERATIONS

Beach Activity

July 2013 Statistics:

- 65,267 Preventative Actions
- 1,613 Rescues
- 2,861 Medical Aides
- 2,282,900 Beach Visitors

There are only four weeks left before Newport Mesa Unified School District students go back to school. Newport Beach is seeing an increase in visitors this summer, as compared to 2012. The last two days of July had 4-6 foot surf. The largest we have seen all summer.

This photo was taken of Tower 22 on July 14, 2013. The beach attendance was 100,000.



We're 90 Years Old!

On August 6, 1923, the Board of Trustees for the City of Newport Beach, ordained Ordinance 239, creating the "Lifesaving Corps" to guard the Pacific Ocean and the Newport Bay within the City limits of Newport Beach.

This year Newport Beach Lifeguards celebrated our 90th anniversary as a lifesaving agency.

Junior Lifeguards

On July 26 and 27, Newport Beach Lifeguards hosted the 31st Annual California Surf Lifesaving Championships. The two-day event included competitors from up and down the State of California. There were 987 Junior Lifeguard participants on July 26, and 263 Lifeguard Alumni, ages 16-75 years, on July 27. The Lifeguard Regional Championships are a highly competitive event where 18 lifeguard agencies, including six international



competitors, came to showcase their athleticism and professionalism. The Championships consisted of individual and team events of surf swims, beach runs, paddleboard, and surf boat races, as well as the grueling Ironman and Ironwoman events. Newport Beach was well represented, with many of our Lifeguards ranking among the top 5 in the various events. Newport Beach took 4th overall. Hayden Hemmens, a rookie Lifeguard, placed first in the Men's Open Surf Race, a 400-meter ocean swim.

Our Junior Lifeguard program is coming to an end. Our participants have had excellent weather this summer. On July 23, the Newport Beach "A" Junior Lifeguards participants, 14-16 years of age, completed a great field trip to Catalina Island. They traveled by boat to the USC/Wrigley Marine Science Center. The day started out with a one hour kayak around Bird Rock. This was followed by a hike up to a summit where they had a clear

view of the Island's Isthmus. After a nice pizza lunch, the afternoon activities included a clear water snorkel and an informational tour of the Center's hyperbaric chamber.



The last day for the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard program will be on Friday, August 9. The Gray Lunde Ironman race will be at 8:30am. This is an invitation only event where the Junior Lifeguard Instructor invites Junior Lifeguard participants. Participants will run from "A" Street to the Newport Pier (2.2miles), swim 400 meters twice around the Buddy's Buoy at the Newport Pier, back to the Balboa Pier (1.7 miles), swim another 400 meters twice around Reenie's Buoy at the Balboa Pier, run to "G" Street and back, to the finish at the Balboa Pier for recognition. Whew! The Junior Lifeguard graduation will commence on Friday, August 9, at 7:00pm, at Junior Lifeguard Headquarters on "A" Street.

EMS

EMS Documentation Totally Paperless

Five months prior to the mandated January 1, 2014 deadline, Newport Beach Fire Department has gone completely electronic in the documentation of patient treatment.

Since April 1, 2013, Project Coordinator Adam Novak has worked steadily to get all safety personnel trained. At that time, we were generating only 47% of our reports electronically. That number is now at 100%.

Software changes were made along the way to improve ease of use and the capturing of data in the field. Paramedic Novak also created training videos that were posted online. Station personnel can access the videos at any time if extra training or review is needed.

Electronic documentation also means that patient information is audited more quickly by administrative staff and is sent to the billing company for faster payment to the City.



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: August 9, 2013

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Cassidy", is placed over the "FROM:" line of the letterhead.

Affordable Care Act: Facts You Should Know

This article is the first in a series regarding the upcoming Affordable Care Act implementation.

What is the Affordable Care Act?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a federal law passed in 2010 that requires U.S. citizens and legal residents over the age of 18 to have health insurance. It prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage to patients with pre-existing conditions and eliminates the ability to charge higher rates due to gender or health status.

When does the ACA become effective?

The ACA goes into effect January 1, 2014. Employers are required to offer minimum essential coverage to full time employees working an average of 30 hours per week or more in a 12-month period effective January 1, 2015. The City will offer coverage through CalPERS medical plans for the 2014 plan year to qualified employees.

How will the ACA be implemented?

Health Benefit exchanges have been established for individuals to purchase coverage, with premium and cost-sharing credits available to individuals/families with income between 133-400% of the federal poverty level (the poverty level is \$19,530 for a family of three in 2013). Employees offered coverage by an employer are not eligible for a tax credit unless the employer plan does not have an actuarial value of at least 60% (CalPERS medical plans exceed the actuarial value).

Stay tuned for more ACA facts in upcoming newsletters!



Laughter Does a Body Good: News From Your HEAL Committee

When was the last time you had a good laugh on the job? If you can't remember, you may need to lighten up. Studies show that a hearty laugh boosts the heart rate and blood circulation and can add muscle tone. Many doctors believe that laughter may lower blood pressure, increase protective antibodies and even cut the rate of heart disease. Incorporating humor in the workplace is also a good tool for developing a sense of teamwork, increasing productivity and creativity. It can also diffuse difficult situations.

Here are some simple tips for promoting laughter in your daily work life:

- 1) Be natural – develop your own style.
- 2) Don't take yourself seriously.
- 3) Focus on humor on situations, not individuals.

By incorporating these techniques, you'll not only spread camaraderie through your department, but possibly add years to your life!





LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



August 9, 2013

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

iPads and Nooks

iPads are here! iPads are now available for two-hour loan inside the Central Library. Borrowers must have a valid NBPL library card and be current in the library's circulation system. The iPads are loaded with current magazines, Flipboard, Twitter, HBO go, iWork, Slacker and a variety of other apps. Customers can bring their own earphones and sit back, relax, catch up on the news, listen to music, watch a movie or read a book or magazine on an iPad.



Nooks are here too! The Central Library has six Nooks with multiple bestselling book titles preloaded so customers can have a selection of titles during the two-week borrowing period. The iPads and Nooks were both purchased using funds generously donated by the NBPL Foundation.

Summer Reading Comes to a Close

The Summer Reading Program came to an end Friday after seven weeks of activities for children, teens and adults. There was an Adult Wrap Up Party on Thursday afternoon at the Central Library and each of the NBPL branches had children's events this last week with performers ranging from jugglers and magicians to dancers and exotic animals.

Creative Writing for Teens

What better time than summer to start writing. There are two good opportunities for teens to sharpen their writing skills and turn their creative inspiration into an essay, short story or contest-winning manuscript.

The YA (Young Adult) department is hosting a Creative Writing Workshop on August 28 led by two outstanding local authors: Jessi Kirby and Morgan Matson.

The workshop will give middle and high school students the opportunity to explore the writing process and create a personal narrative based on a previous summer experience. Students are encouraged to bring a photograph from a past summer to use as a writing prompt and may include the photo in their finished product. The first half of the workshop will be held in the Friends Room and then teens will move to the brand new Media Center to post their work on the local history website, "Kids These Days: Growing Up in Newport Beach."

High school writers should also check out the Creating Writing Contest sponsored by the NBPL Foundation. With the theme "Let Your Imagination Run Wild," the Foundation will award a \$250 prize for the best short story; the runner-up will receive \$100. Contest guidelines require that the short stories be set in a library, feature a library-themed element or in some way revolve around a library.



Author Morgan Matson



Author Jessi Kirby

Cultural Arts Activities



Community gets together for music, dancing and picnicking on the Civic Green for Concerts in the Park.

Concerts in the Park

The third and final concert of the annual *Concerts in the Park* series, sponsored by the Newport Beach City Arts Commission, will take place on Sunday, August 11 at 6 p.m. on the Civic Green. The last two concerts have drawn large crowds, 1800 or more, and the "Green" seems to be a great community gathering place.

The band for Sunday's concert is Upstream, a talented group of musicians with origins in the republic of Trinidad and Tobago. They play an energetic blend of "Island Music," influenced by Reggae, Techno, Funk, Hip Hop and Soca. Upstream includes three sons of the venerable originator of Soca music, the late Ras Shorty I. The group has been the opener for acts such as REM, Dave Matthews Band, The Wailers, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Harvey Danger, Inner Circle, Wailing Souls and Jimmy Buffett.



Wireless Works of Art

A walk through Central Library lobby will bring a wave of nostalgia to some customers as they view a selection of vintage table-top radios from the collection of longtime Newport Beach residents, Janet and Mark Hilbert. The exhibit, put together by the City Arts Commission, showcases classic designs from the Hilbert's collection of over 150 table top and 50 transistor radios dating from 1932 to 1965. Among the radios on display are a Packard Bell Stationized Clock Radio, showing regional radio stations on the dial, a 1951 Airline model featuring Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer, a radio resembling a Coca-Cola ice box, a mid-century Motorola tube radio and a stunning black and silver art deco design.





NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 9, 2013

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, the Police Department celebrated National Night Out at Bonita Canyon Sports Park, along with members of the Fire Department, Police Explorers, C.E.R.T. Volunteers, and many other members of the Newport Beach Community. National Night Out, which is celebrated nationwide and on military bases around the world, focuses on drug and crime awareness and is an opportunity to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

The event was well-attended, with about 700 people enjoying the displays and activities. Attendees were able to interact with members of the S.W.A.T. Team, K9 Unit, Motor Officers, Mounted Enforcement Unit, Animal Control, C.S.I., and Volunteers

in Policing. Games, prizes, crafts, face painting, and balloon animals were available for children, along with visits with McGruff, "The Crime Fighting Dog". And, thanks to the Fire Department and their BBQ1 Trailer, freshly-grilled hotdogs & hamburgers were distributed throughout the event. Spyglass Hill also hosted their own neighborhood event with approximately 200 attendees.

Thank you to everyone who attended, worked, and contributed to this event!



Volunteer Milestones

Two Police Department Volunteers met major milestones last month.



Sal Grecco

Volunteer Sal Grecco has donated over 2,000 hours to the Department's Volunteer in Policing (VIP) Program since becoming a member in September 2008. Sal can usually be found out and about in the City, conducting vacation checks while homeowners are out of town.

Volunteer Paul Heller also received recognition from OneOC, a county-wide volunteer organization, for donating over 4,000 hours of service to the VIP Program since August 2004. OneOC recognized Paul on July 19 at a luncheon, where he was joined by Lieutenant Jon Lewis, Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Manzella, and two personal friends.



Paul Heller

The VIP Program has been in existence since 1999, with three original members still serving. Nearly 69,000 hours have been donated by the 24 active VIPs, with one member donating more than 6,200 hours. Volunteers provide an invaluable service to the Police Department and Community, performing duties such as vacation checks, illegal sign removal, crime alert distribution, and assisting at special events throughout the year.

SUV Third Row Seat Thefts

In recent weeks, there have been several thefts of third row seats from SUVs throughout the City. The crimes have occurred in both residential areas and public parking lots. In most cases, the vehicles have been locked and the suspect(s) have forced entry before stealing the seats.

In one case, the suspect(s) removed the stereo from a vehicle, but were unable to successfully remove the third row seat because it had been secured with a cable bike lock.

Here are some steps community members can take to prevent the theft of third row seats from their vehicles:

- At night, park in a well-lit location.
- When possible, back the vehicle up to a solid object (like a wall) to prevent access



to the rear of the vehicle.

- Use a cable lock to secure the third row seat to the body of the vehicle.
- Engrave the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) on the frame of the seat.
- When the third row seats are not in use, store them in a locked garage or other secure area.

Taking these steps may not prevent a criminal from breaking in to an SUV, but they may prevent a criminal from successfully stealing your seats.

Regardless of the type of vehicle you drive:

- Never leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Always close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your vehicle.

If you see any suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to contact the Department at 949-644-3717.

Notable Investigation

On Monday, July 29, Officer Daniel Mesri located a missing runaway juvenile during the course of his regular Patrol duties. Officer Mesri contacted the juvenile's parents and arranged for them to pick up their son from the Police Department's front lobby. En route to the Department, the juvenile began acting evasive and suspicious regarding the property he had in his possession, including a laptop that was clearly marked with corporate information from a local business.



Upon further investigation, it was determined that the juvenile was in possession of multiple items of stolen property including the laptop, an mp3 player, a backpack, and a handbag, totaling an estimated value of \$2,350. His wallet also held a department store credit card in another person's name and multiple gift cards. Officer Mesri was able to determine that all items had been taken overnight from unlocked vehicles in Costa Mesa.

Thanks to Officer Mesri's attention to detail, initiative, and thorough investigation skills, the stolen property was returned to the rightful owners.

City Manager's Newsletter



To: David A. Kiff, City Manager
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director *P.T.*
Date: August 9, 2013

Public Review Workshops on Pier Rental Fees Scheduled for August

City Council and Harbor Resources are hosting two workshops (same content, different days) to review the implementation of pier rental charges. Both meetings will be held at the OASIS Senior Center which is located at 801 Narcissus, Corona Del Mar, California 92625.

Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Residential and commercial customers have been notified of the public meetings by mail. For more information on commercial and non-commercial pier permits including the meeting notice for the review workshops, visit <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/harborresources>

Jamboree Road Lane Closure Planned for Pipeline Repair

The southbound slow lane on Jamboree Road across the Back Bay Bridge will be closed for construction through September. This lane closure permits Orange County Water District (OCWD) to start mobilizing for a month long effort to repair a reclaimed water pipeline on Jamboree Road between Bayview Way and Eastbluff Drive/University Drive. This pipeline is part of OCWD's Green Acres Project (GAP) and delivers reclaimed water to the City of Newport Beach.

For more information on this project, contact the OCWD at (714) 378-8244 or visit OCWD's website at <http://www.ocwd.com/ProgramsProjects/ConstructionUpdates.aspx>

The Reef Point Infiltration Water Quality Project is Complete!

The City of Newport Beach, in partnership with the California State Parks Department, recently completed the Reef Point Infiltration Project within the Crystal Cove parking lot at Reef Point. A 4-foot deep infiltration gallery, consisting of sand, gravel and rock, was constructed in a corner of the parking lot. The gallery will collect and filter storm water runoff. Pollutants are removed as water flows through the sand, gravel and rock, then travels through a bio filter before it is released into the existing stream course. Pavers were placed over the top of the infiltration gallery and the area was re-striped to restore the parking spaces. This is the first water quality project of its kind installed at a State park.



Before Installation



After Installation

With its completion, other State parks along the coast have expressed interest in pursuing similar water quality projects at their facilities. This project was entirely funded through a Proposition 84 grant awarded by the State of California to the City in 2011.

Corona Del Mar Water Transmission Pipeline Project

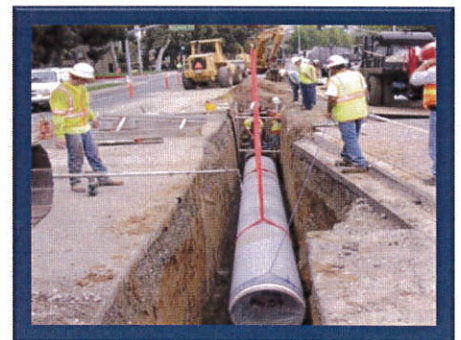
Construction of the Corona del Mar Water Transmission Pipeline project has begun and significant progress is being made on installation of a 30 inch diameter water pipeline. Construction started on San Miguel Drive between Pacific View Drive and San Joaquin Hills Road. Currently, the project is in the first phase of construction and will continue down San Miguel Drive to MacArthur Boulevard.

Installation work includes preparation of a four foot wide and seven foot deep trench while encountering rock and existing utilities. To avoid disruption to commuters, traffic control plans have been successful at directing vehicles around the construction site with the least amount of lane closures.

Installation of this transmission pipeline will improve water pressure and increase the amount of water available for fire-fighting purposes. Phases 2 and 3 of construction will include MacArthur Boulevard, Carnation Avenue, Coast Highway, and Dahlia Avenue.



A 40 foot segment of the pipeline ready for installation



The pipeline properly aligned inside the trench

Newport Beach is the Leader in Water Quality!

The City of Newport Beach is now enjoying the best water quality we've seen in the bay and ocean in over 40 years thanks to various water quality improvement projects the City has worked on in partnership with the State's resource agencies, environmental protection organizations, top consultants, our upstream sister cities and the County of Orange.

The City's environmental restoration and protection programs have evolved over the past 15 years. Today, the City has one of the strongest storm water pollution prevention programs in the county and one of the most robust water conservation/irrigation runoff reduction programs in the State.

Garry Brown of OC Coastkeeper credits the City "as an example to be followed by its neighbors up and down the coast." (See article from *Newport Beach Independent* below.)

Newport Leads in Water Quality

By GARRY BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | OC COASTKEEPER

Newport Beach's locals are the pulse of this city.

Most residents grew up here; running and playing on the sand since they could walk. Some might even try to convince you that they were born in the water.

This tight-knit community continues to prove its passion and commitment to protecting the main thread that unites them as a city: their beaches.

Newport Beach continually goes above and beyond the mandated EPA regulations for water quality to ensure clean water for residents and the tourists that support our local economy.

The city takes strong measures to protect its waters from one of the most plaguing issues for any coastal community: debris. For the past 11 years, the city inspected and cleaned all of its 3,233 catch basins and continued the voluntary alley sweeping program to collect 5,698 tons (dry) of debris and litter.

"It is very important for our visitors and residents to have clean water that

they can use recreationally and enjoy," said John Kappeler, the Water Quality Manager for the city of Newport Beach.

Excellent water quality stems from extensive, long-term projects that make water quality a top priority to council members, public officials and Newport Beach community members.

The Buck Gully Resource Management Plan details a 20 year plan to make ongoing improvements to the coastal canyon to increase public access, fire safety, water quality, and native plant restoration. The city also shows extensive support of water conservation projects, education programs, and campaigns such as the OC "Be a Water Hero" campaign, July's "Smart Irrigation Month," and the annual Children's Water Education Festival.

Newport Beach continually applies for grant funding for the best trash and debris removal devices out there. Some of this funding comes from Orange County voter approved Measure M, a fund for the installation of water quality devices and natural treatment systems to



Corona del Mar beach

clean up polluted urban runoff before it enters harbors and oceans. The city has utilized Measure M Tier 1 grant awards for litter removal and trash skimmer removal projects in Newport Bay.

With Newport's commitment to clean water, the city and its comprehensive plans for water quality improvement projects act as an example to be followed by its neighbors up and down the coast.

According to Kappeler, one the rea-

sons the city needs to be pro-active with their water quality measures is because Newport Beach is situated at the end of a funnel for upstream cities. All of the polluted urban runoff from inland cities thus becomes Newport Beach's problem.

There is plenty of work to be done, and days such as Swimmable California Day (held on July 25) serves as a reminder that all cities and residents need to continue the fight for clean water.

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Public Works Welcomes Intern Ethan Standen



Ethan joined the Public Works Team on July 29th as a Technical Aide. He was born and raised in the small town of Mariposa, California. He graduated from high school at the early age of 16. He then moved to San Jose, California to continue his education in Civil Engineering. He now resides in Irvine with his wife Sarah and newborn baby girl.

Ethan attends UC Irvine, working on his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. When he's not studying or working, he enjoys riding dirt bikes in the desert, swimming in the ocean, and spending time with his family and friends.

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RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: August 9, 2013

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Active Kids Afterschool Program

The much-anticipated Active Kids Afterschool Program is off to a great start as we prepare for the first day of school on September 3. Registration opened on August 1st with a record number of 160 children enrolled for the after school care this year! The Newport Elementary school location sold out in 9 minutes!

Our Recreation Leaders are running the Active Kids program at three sites: CYC, Mariners Library, and Newport Elementary School. This will be another great year of Active Kids Afterschool!

Preschool 101

Preschool 101 is back with toddlers ages 3-5 years old starting their Pre-K adventures the week of September 9. The preschool program will take place at the Newport Coast Community Center and Mariners Vincent Jorgenson Room. This program is almost full with 65 preschoolers!

Tu Phan Promoted to Recreation Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming Tu Phan as a new Recreation Coordinator! Tu began working for the City 7 years ago as a Recreation Leader in the Active Kids and Summer Day Camp programs. During his time in the Recreation & Senior Services Department Tu has become an integral part of the youth programs, sports, and events. Tu will also be a great asset with facility rentals as the Civic Center Community Room and lawn gain popularity for special events. Congrats Tu!



Stephanie Brown Promoted to Recreation Supervisor

Stephanie Brown has been promoted from Recreation Coordinator to Recreation Supervisor. Stephanie has been working for the City since March 2011. She will oversee Contract Classes and Special Events. Stephanie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Management. Stephanie enjoys spending time with her family and friends, going to Angel games and traveling. Stephanie is a great asset to our Department and we're thrilled to have her as our new supervisor.

Aquatics

Swim lessons are quickly coming to an end! Over the course of the last 7 weeks, almost 1000 participants have enrolled in swim lessons at the Newport Harbor High School and Corona del Mar pools. In order to prepare for the program, the pool lifeguards/swim instructors participated in a 3 day training, which consisted of water safety training, First Aid, CPR, review of lifeguarding and teaching skills. Swim lessons run through August 15.



Newport Harbor High School Pool Mural

Next time you visit Newport Harbor High School, be sure to check out the new pool mural! The mural was painted to help identify the pool to visitors as well as celebrate the programs who utilize the facility. The City was happy to help support the project.



Marine Protection Working with Local Researchers to Gain a Better Understanding of Biology in the Newport Beach Marine Protected Areas

In 2011, a pilot program for training citizen-scientists to collect data in rocky intertidal habitats within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Orange County was initiated with the use of funds from a CSU Fullerton Grant for Community-Based Research. The goals of the pilot program were to test the feasibility of using citizen-scientists to collect size data of owl limpets. Owl limpets are conspicuous and ecologically important organisms, and are believed to be good indicators of the impacts of human use.

This year, the project included Corona del Mar and Crystal Cove State Park. At Corona del Mar, two permanent survey sites (one in a high human-access area and one in a lower human-access area) were established. OCMFAC members coordinated a volunteer citizen-science training in May 2013 that focused on introducing volunteers to identification and sampling procedures. The citizen-science training and sampling effort has been successful. Local area managers are collecting data on size and distribution of this species countywide. The next survey is scheduled for fall.

Protocols are now being developed for the next project; a pilot citizen-science lobster recruitment monitoring program. Understanding the life history of the local lobster is critical to management of the species. Currently, little is known about local lobster life cycles. The initial focus of this project is to identify the best lobster settler collectors. Two styles of collectors have been produced and deployed within Orange County. These sampling devices have been well studied in other parts of the world. Based on success of traps in other regions and relative ease of construction, the lobster recruitment monitoring program is being pursued by OCMFAC. The next step in this process, is to deploy these traps during the peak lobster settlement period in August to October.

Currently, a first check of the collectors that were deployed in July 2013 was completed --two were returned and one was lost. Modifications are planned to increase the stability of the preferred style of collector. Thanks to Newport Beach Lifeguards at Big Corona for the successful retrieval of two washed up collectors!



Photo of the lobster settlement collectors off the beach at Big Corona

For more information please contact Michelle Clemente at mclemente@newportbeachca.gov.

Senior Services: Special Activities at OASIS

Bunco– This is a newly developed activity that we will now be offering every month. For a \$10 fee, a meal is served before two hours of play begins. So far this fun game has been sold out two months in a row. We are offering it in the early evening from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. At the end of the play time, prizes are given out to raffle winners. We have received very positive responses from the group.

Monday Night Football – Another different activity that we are trying is Monday night football. We will be holding it in the Event Center once a month on the large screen and serving a light dinner. We are hoping this will generate a fun social atmosphere to get people out of their houses.

Staff Changes - Our Fitness Center will be welcoming a new Coordinator as Justin Schmillen moves over to Supervise Adult and Youth sports. Jennifer Sisoiev has accepted the position and will begin on Monday, August 10. Jennifer has been working at OASIS for the past year and a half as the Assistant Recreation Coordinator in charge of special event and facility rentals. We are excited to have her take on this new position and know that she will do a fantastic job.

Friends New President – I hope you will have the pleasure of meeting the Friends newly elected President, Kathy Stewart. She is a very dynamic woman who has been volunteering with the Casino Night and Rummage Sale for the past few years. She has many new ideas and we are working together to address the changing demographics and characteristics of the “new” older adult.

BBQ in the Courtyard - The OASIS hosted a summer Hot Dog BBQ on Wednesday, July 31. 125 participated in the event, which gave OASIS staff the opportunity to grill up hot dogs and serve up some fun. Music was provided while seniors played lawn games such as croquet and ladder ball.

Upcoming Special Events:

Advanced Health Care Planning: *Understand Your Choices, Share Your Wishes*

Wednesday, 8/14 10:00am

Alzheimer's Lecture: *Resources and Care*

Friday, 8/16 1:00pm

3rd Annual Talent Show

Wednesday, 8/21 2:00pm

Hoag Hospital Lecture: *Successful Aging*

Wednesday, 9/4 1:00pm

Stroke Seminar: *Diet, Exercise, and Prevention*

Wednesday, 9/18 1:00pm

Monday Night Football

Monday, 9/23 5:30pm

Concert in the Courtyard: *Beach Boys Tribute Band*

Saturday, 9/28 4:00pm



AUG 8-11

"A Pirates Life for Me"

NEWPORT THEATRE ARTS CENTER (2501 CLIFF DR)

AUG 11

*Concerts in the Park
featuring "Upstream"*

6PM ON THE CIVIC CENTER GREEN

SEPT 14

Disaster Preparedness EXPO

NEWPORT BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY (1000 AVOCADO AVE)

SEPT 28-29

*25th Annual Newport Beach
Surf Championships*54TH OR 56TH ST.

OCT 12

Art in the Park

10AM - 5PM ON THE CIVIC CENTER GREEN

DEC 6

Breakfast with Santa \$15

9:30AM - 11AM NEWPORT COAST COMMUNITY CNTR

JAN 1

*Tournament of Roses
Parade Excursion \$125*

5AM - 1PM MEET AT OASIS TO BOARD DELUXE CHARTER BUS

visit www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation or call 949.644.3151